

## Children and Family Services, Office of

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### **Mission**

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) serves New York's public by promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of our children, families and communities. OCFS achieves results by setting and enforcing policies, building partnerships, and funding and providing quality services.

### **Organization and Staffing**

OCFS is headed by a Commissioner who is supported by several Deputy Commissioners who oversee various departments and programs. Agency staff are located throughout the State in OCFS operated residential facilities and in regional offices, where they work with county commissioners to implement and monitor local programs.

### **Budget Highlights**

The FY 2024 Executive Budget recommends \$5.8 billion in appropriations for OCFS, which is a \$1.5 billion increase compared to FY 2023 levels. This increase reflects an additional \$1.1 billion in child welfare appropriations and \$44 million in Adult Protective services appropriations, which are primarily to allow for better appropriation alignment with Federal fiscal years – not programmatic changes.

The total also reflects \$17 million to assist certain foster care providers with Federal provisions as they relate to Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD), \$7 million for both preventive and permanency placement services for foster families, adoptive families, and kinship families, \$16 million in additional capital funding to renovate and maintain vital infrastructure at OCFS youth facilities, \$83 million to move funding for the Empire State After-School and Advantage After School programs to the Office of Children and Family Services, who already administers the programs, \$700,000 for Runaway and Homeless Youth program year shift, \$600,000 for the Youth Sports program, \$8.5 million to fund the Human Services Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for impacted programs, \$4 million for minimum wage increases, \$3.3 million for union settlement agreements, a net increase of \$128 million in State General Fund support for child care subsidies and to reflect the market rate, \$100 million in additional Federal child care funding, \$2 million for child care union agreements, \$4.8 million for a new child care pilot program with local businesses, and \$1 million for a new business navigator program. These increases are partially offset by a decrease of \$57 million related to the expiration of one-time legislative adds and one-time child care capital funding.

The FY 2024 Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 2,886 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2023.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### **Program Highlights**

#### ***Child Welfare Services***

Child Welfare Services provide a variety of services to families to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and to strengthen families to successfully care for their children. Child Protective Services include: investigating reports of child abuse or maltreatment, providing solutions to protect children, and helping prevent future occurrences of abuse or maltreatment. Preventive Services are provided to families with children at risk of entering foster care. Independent Living Services teach youth aging out of foster care the necessary skills to be independent adults.

#### ***Foster Care***

Foster Care provides out-of-home placements for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse/neglect by their parent, or a court determination that a child is a "person in need of supervision" or a juvenile delinquent. Foster boarding homes provide care in a home setting by foster parents, and residential programs serve youth with more significant health or emotional needs. The foster care caseload has dropped from 37,000 in CY 2003 to 14,358 in CY 2021 after the State reformed child welfare financing to incentivize preventive and Child Protective Services that help keep families together.

#### ***Child Care***

The Child Care Block Grant (CCBG) provides child care subsidies to families on public assistance, families transitioning off of public assistance, and low-income families. In 2021, approximately 103,000 children received child care assistance.

**Adoption Services**

Adoption Services provide funding for expenses related to the adoption of children from the Foster Care system. Subsidies are provided to families to help meet the needs of caring for handicapped and hard-to-place children. In 2021, 866 youth were adopted while another 1,195 children were freed for adoption.

**Adult Protective Services**

Adult Protective Services assist individuals 18 and over that present the following: physical and/or mental disabilities resulting in a reduced capacity for self-care; evidence of harm or risk of being harmed by others; and lack of assistance from others.

In 2021, the agency received 42,662 adult protective referrals, a 12 percent increase from 2020 in a return to pre-COVID-19 pandemic numbers.

**Domestic Violence Services**

Domestic Violence Services assist individuals 16 and over that have been victims of domestic violence (DV). Services are designed to provide safety and support to victims and their children through approved residential and non-residential programs. In 2021, 11,816 adults and children received DV residential services and 32,428 adults and children received DV non-residential services.

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Services**

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program provides funding to counties for contracts with not-for-profit runaway programs that provide services to youth. Services include short-term shelter and long-term transitional and independent living services for youth. All youth receive case management services and basic needs, either directly by the service provider or through referral to other programs.

**Youth Facilities and Youth Program Services**

The Youth Facilities Program supports the Division for Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY), which provides a range of core mandated and enhanced services to court adjudicated youth and their families, delivered in state-operated residential facilities and at community sites. The Program also provides support for local detention facilities that house youth while the cases are pending in family court. In addition, the Youth Development Program provides funding to localities to support delinquency prevention programs.

**Commission for the Blind**

The Commission for the Blind supports services to legally blind children and older adults including Vocational Rehab Basic Support, Independent Living for Adults and Preschool Children, Independent Living for Older Blind, Supported Employment programming and In-Service Training. The Commission also provides support for assessments, mobility training, academic instruction, case management, and job-oriented vocational instruction.

**Statewide Central Register**

The Statewide Central Register (SCR) is responsible for screening all calls of suspected child abuse and maltreatment. In 2021 the SCR handled 289,476 calls and received 280,443 requests for database check clearances.

**Human Services Call Center**

The Human Services Call Center (HSCC) handles more than one million calls annually for ten state agencies from 46 different lines, providing callers with information through high-quality customer service.

**ALL FUNDS  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2023	Appropriations Recommended FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2024
State Operations	552,736,792	556,064,000	3,327,208	820,948,000
Aid To Localities	3,666,750,117	5,199,487,450	1,532,737,333	8,222,127,897
Capital Projects	93,590,000	60,114,000	(33,476,000)	488,765,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,313,076,909</b>	<b>5,815,665,450</b>	<b>1,502,588,541</b>	<b>9,531,840,897</b>

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**ALL FUND TYPES**  
**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM**  
**FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FTE Change
Central Administration			
General Fund	313	313	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	8	8	0
Internal Service Funds	99	99	0
Child Care			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	232	232	0
New York State Commission for the Blind			
General Fund	35	35	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	106	106	0
Family and Children Services			
General Fund	531	531	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	45	45	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2	2	0
Maintenance & Improvement of Youth Facilities			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	69	69	0
Systems Support			
General Fund	4	4	0
Training and Development			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	42	42	0
Youth Facilities			
General Fund	1,400	1,400	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Enterprise Funds	515,000	515,000	0
General Fund	284,812,915	287,194,000	2,381,085
Internal Service Funds	23,062,102	23,833,000	770,898
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	196,624,572	196,811,000	186,428
Special Revenue Funds - Other	47,722,203	47,711,000	(11,203)
<b>Total</b>	<b>552,736,792</b>	<b>556,064,000</b>	<b>3,327,208</b>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(5,503,792)		
<b>Appropriated FY 2023</b>	<b>547,233,000</b>		

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**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**

**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
<b>Central Administration</b>			
General Fund	32,824,988	32,814,000	(10,988)
Internal Service Funds	22,962,102	23,733,000	770,898
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	539,825	537,000	(2,825)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,534,000	3,534,000	0
<b>Child Care</b>			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	66,865,420	67,043,000	177,580
<b>Family and Children Services</b>			
General Fund	45,901,690	45,984,000	82,310
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	61,057,440	61,049,000	(8,440)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,373,000	1,373,000	0
<b>New York State Commission for the Blind</b>			
General Fund	8,412,759	8,417,000	4,241
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	37,568,887	37,589,000	20,113
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,020,000	3,020,000	0
<b>Systems Support</b>			
General Fund	12,510,000	12,510,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	30,593,000	30,593,000	0
<b>Training and Development</b>			
Enterprise Funds	200,000	200,000	0
General Fund	19,401,857	19,399,000	(2,857)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	39,795,203	39,784,000	(11,203)
<b>Youth Facilities</b>			
Enterprise Funds	315,000	315,000	0
General Fund	165,761,621	168,070,000	2,308,379
Internal Service Funds	100,000	100,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>552,736,792</b>	<b>556,064,000</b>	<b>3,327,208</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	25,206,000	(10,988)	24,825,000	(10,988)
Family and Children Services	39,009,000	82,310	36,561,000	82,310
New York State Commission for the Blind	2,402,000	4,241	2,390,000	4,241
Systems Support	202,000	0	202,000	0
Training and Development	878,000	(2,857)	870,000	(2,857)
Youth Facilities	130,826,000	2,308,379	117,844,000	2,308,379
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,523,000</b>	<b>2,381,085</b>	<b>182,692,000</b>	<b>2,381,085</b>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	308,000	0	73,000	0
Family and Children Services	0	0	2,448,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	0	0	12,000	0
Training and Development	0	0	8,000	0
Youth Facilities	3,325,000	0	9,657,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,633,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,198,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED**  
**APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2024 RECOMMENDED**  
**(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	7,608,000	0	462,000	0
Family and Children Services	6,975,000	0	635,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	6,015,000	0	8,000	0
Systems Support	12,308,000	0	179,000	25,000
Training and Development	18,521,000	0	47,000	0
Youth Facilities	37,244,000	0	13,081,000	0

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<b>Total</b>	<b>88,671,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,412,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
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Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	181,000	0	4,455,000	0
Family and Children Services	215,000	0	6,065,000	0
New York State Commission for the Blind	5,000	0	6,002,000	0
Systems Support	152,000	(25,000)	11,106,000	0
Training and Development	274,000	0	17,831,000	0
Youth Facilities	627,000	0	22,801,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,454,000</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>68,260,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	2,510,000	0
Family and Children Services	60,000	0
Systems Support	871,000	0
Training and Development	369,000	0
Youth Facilities	735,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,545,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
FY 2024 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Central Administration	27,804,000	768,073	12,213,000	422,937
Child Care	67,043,000	177,580	32,000,000	621,746
Family and Children Services	62,422,000	(8,440)	11,757,000	(5,256)
New York State Commission for the Blind	40,609,000	20,113	9,499,000	20,113
Systems Support	30,593,000	0	500,000	0
Training and Development	39,984,000	(11,203)	5,886,000	(7,665)
Youth Facilities	415,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>268,870,000</b>	<b>946,123</b>	<b>71,855,000</b>	<b>1,051,875</b>

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Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Central Administration	15,591,000	345,136
Child Care	35,043,000	(444,166)
Family and Children Services	50,665,000	(3,184)
New York State Commission for the Blind	31,110,000	0
Systems Support	30,093,000	0
Training and Development	34,098,000	(3,538)
Youth Facilities	415,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,015,000</b>	<b>(105,752)</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
General Fund	1,991,061,117	3,423,798,450	1,432,737,333
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,651,887,000	1,751,887,000	100,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,802,000	23,802,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,666,750,117</b>	<b>5,199,487,450</b>	<b>1,532,737,333</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
<b>Child Care</b>			
General Fund	332,045,200	463,387,200	131,342,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	632,637,000	732,637,000	100,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,000	343,000	0
<b>Family and Children Services</b>			
General Fund	1,654,085,117	2,955,595,450	1,301,510,333
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,018,900,000	1,018,900,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,459,000	23,459,000	0
<b>New York State Commission for the Blind</b>			
General Fund	65,000	0	(65,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	350,000	350,000	0
<b>Training and Development</b>			
General Fund	4,815,800	4,815,800	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,666,700,117</b>	<b>5,199,487,450</b>	<b>1,532,787,333</b>

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**(dollars)**

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change	Reappropriations FY 2024
Child Care Capital Program				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	50,000,000	0	(50,000,000)	50,000,000
Design and Construction Supervision				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	45,769,000
Facilities Maintenance and Operations				
Capital Projects Fund	5,871,000	6,392,000	521,000	6,279,000
Maintenance and Improvement of Youth Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	2,719,000	2,722,000	3,000	16,614,000
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	18,000,000	26,000,000	8,000,000	270,811,000
Program Improvement or Program Change				
Youth Facilities Improvement Fund	10,000,000	18,000,000	8,000,000	99,292,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,590,000</b>	<b>60,114,000</b>	<b>(33,476,000)</b>	<b>488,765,000</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 02/01/2023